

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A machine-readable medium having instructions stored thereon for execution by a processor to implement a computer program providing a language model service shareable among handlers for input devices, comprising:

a pre-processing mode of operation in which the language model service is designed to receive a range within a document from a handler for an input device and in response provide to the handler advice regarding text under consideration by the handler to insert within the document at the range, wherein the handler relies on a first language model for determining text entry and the language model service relies on a second language model distinct from the first language model, the second language model related to a context of the document within range, the advice for consideration by the handler, wherein the handler determines and enters text in order to create the document after considering conclusions of the first language model and the second language model; and,

a correction mode of operation in which the language model service is designed to supervise correction over a range of text within a document in which a number of different handlers for a number of different input devices were initially responsible for insertion of the text, such that the language model service solicits suggestions from the different handlers and after considering the suggestions of the number of different handlers and the second language model, the language model service determines text corrections.

2. (Original) The medium of claim 1, wherein the advice provided by the language model service to the handler for the input device in the pre-processing mode of operation comprises a best path through a lattice maintained by the language model service.
3. (Original) The medium of claim 1, wherein the text corrections determined by the language model service in the correction mode of operation are made by the language model service itself.
4. (Original) The medium of claim 1, wherein the text corrections determined by the language model service in the correction mode of operation are returned to the different handlers such that the different handlers are requested to make the text corrections themselves.
5. (Original) The medium of claim 1, wherein the suggestions solicited by the language model service from the different handlers in the correction mode of operation comprise paths through lattices maintained by the different handlers.
6. (Original) The medium of claim 1, wherein the language model service interacts with a common text framework to access the document.
7. (Original) The medium of claim 6, wherein the language model service accesses the document through an abstraction of the document exposed by an owning application via the common text framework.
8. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium having instructions stored thereon for execution by a processor to implement a computer program providing a language model service shareable among handlers for input devices, comprising:

a pre-processing mode of operation in which the language model service is designed to receive from a handler for an input device a range within a document of an owning application, access to which is through an abstraction thereof exposed by the owning application via a common text framework, and in response provide to the handler advice regarding text under consideration by the handler to insert within the document at the range, wherein the handler relies on a first language model for determining text entry and the language model service relies on a second language model distinct from the first language model, the second language model related to a context of the document within range, the advice for consideration by the handler, wherein the handler determines and enters text in order to create the document after considering conclusions of the two language models; and,

a correction mode of operation in which the language model service is designed to supervise correction over a range of text within a document in which a number of different handlers for a number of different input devices were initially responsible for insertion of the text, such that the language model service solicits suggestions from the different handlers and after considering the suggestions of the number of different handlers and the second language model, the language model service determines text corrections.

9. (Original) The medium of claim 8, wherein the text corrections determined by the language model service in the correction mode of operation are made by the language model service itself via the common text framework through the abstraction of the document exposed by the owning application.

10. (Original) The medium of claim 8, wherein the text corrections determined by the language model service in the correction mode of operation are returned to the different handlers

such that the different handlers are requested to make the text corrections themselves, such that the different handlers make the text corrections via the common text framework through the abstraction of the document exposed by the owning application.

11-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:

soliciting suggestions over a range of text within a document by a language model service implementing a first language model in a correction mode of operation in which a number of different handlers for a number of different input devices were initially responsible for insertion of the text, each of the different handlers implementing a language model distinct from the first language model;

receiving the suggestions by the language model service from the different handlers; and

determining corrections to the text by the language model service after considering the first language model and the suggestions received from the different handlers;

wherein the document was initially created in a pre-processing mode of operation in which the language model service received a range within a document from each of the different handlers and in response provided to each of the handlers advice regarding text under consideration by the handlers to insert within the document at the range, wherein the language model service relied on the first language model, and wherein each of the handlers determined and entered text in order to create the document after considering conclusions of the first language model and another language model.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising making the corrections by the language model service itself.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the corrections are made by the language model service via a common text framework through an abstraction of the document as exposed by an owning application via the common text framework.

19. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising:
receiving the corrections by the different handlers from the language model service; and
making the corrections by the different handlers themselves.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the corrections are made by the language model service via a common text framework through an abstraction of the document as exposed by an owning application via the common text framework.

21. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein access to the range of text of the document by the language model service and the different handlers is through an abstraction thereof as exposed by an owning application via a common text framework.

22. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the suggestions solicited by the language model service from the different handlers comprise paths through lattices maintained by the different handlers.

23. (Previously Presented) A computerized system for initial text entry and for text correction, the system comprising:

a plurality of handlers, each handler for an input device and able to enter text into a document; and

a language model service shareable among the plurality of handlers, comprising:

a pre-processing mode of operation in which the language model service is designed to receive a range within the document from a handler and in response provide to a handler advice regarding text under consideration by the handler to insert within the document at the range, wherein the handler relies on a first language model for determining text entry and the language model service relies on a second language model distinct from the first language model, the second language model related to a context of the document within range, the advice for consideration by the handler, wherein the handler determines and enters text in order to create the document after considering conclusions of the two language models; and

a correction mode of operation in which the language model service is designed to supervise correction over a range of text within a document in which more than one of the plurality of handlers were initially responsible for insertion of the text, such that the language model service solicits suggestions from the more than one of the plurality of handlers and after considering the suggestions of the number of different handlers and the second language model, the language model service determines text corrections,

such that the text corrections determined by the language model service in the correction mode of operation are made to the text by one of: the language model service and the more than one of the plurality of handlers.

24. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein the plurality of handlers and the language model service interacts with a common text framework to access the document.

25. (Original) The system of claim 24, wherein the plurality of handlers and the language model service accesses the document through an abstraction of the document exposed by an owning application via the common text framework.